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Ministers Responsible for Economic Development
and Planning

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

9-13 May 1991

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Conference Theme: Africa in the 1990s: Meeting the Challenges

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. One minute of silent prayer or meditation.
3. Election of officers.
4. Adoption of the agenda.

5. **General debate on:** Preliminary Review of Africa's Economic and Social Performance in 1990 and Prospects for 1991, and Transformation, Recovery and Adjustment

(a) Economic Report on Africa 1991:

(b) The Gulf Crisis and African Economies;

(c) Lagos Plan of Action: Ten years after.

Decennial review and appraisal of the implementation of the Lagos Plan of Action and the Final Act of Lagos.

(d) United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development (UN-PAAERD)

Final review and appraisal of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990 (UN-PAAERD); and successor arrangements to UN-PAAERD;

(e) Beyond Recovery and Towards Transformation: African Alternative Framework to Structural Adjustment Programmes for Socio-economic Recovery and Transformation (AAF-SAP)

(i) Progress report on follow-up on AAF-SAP;

(ii) Revitalization of long-term planning for structural transformation;

(iii) Mechanisms for implementing and monitoring the African Charter for Popular Participation in Development and Transformation: public participation in development planning and management;

(iv) Impact of structural adjustment programmes on population.

6. **Consideration of the report and recommendations of the twelfth meeting of the Technical Preparatory Committee of the Whole on:**

(a) Issues, studies and reports on regional co-operation for development in Africa:

(i) Re-organization of the MULPOCs: Follow-up on the report of the evaluation mission to review the achievements of the MULPOCs with a view to strengthening them and making them more effective;

(ii) Progress report on the strengthening of subregional economic integration process and the establishment of the African Economic Community;

(iii) Industrial development in Africa

Progress report on the preparation of the Programme for the United Nations Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa.

(iv) Transport and Communications in Africa

Programme for the Second United Nations Transport and Communications Decade in Africa;

(v) Natural resources and environment in Africa

(a) Review and appraisal of the implementation of the Mar del Plata Action Plan (MPAP) including the International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade in Africa (1981-1990) and perspectives for the 1990s;

(b) Report on the African Regional Preparatory Conference on Environment and Development.

(vi) Social development and humanitarian affairs

(a) The state of social development in Africa and the policy challenges for the 1990s;

(b) Changing socio-economic conditions of women in Africa in the context of the Nairobi Forward-Looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women.

(vii) Operational activities:

(a) Report on ECA-executed technical co-operation projects;

(b) Orientation paper for the UNDP Fifth Cycle Regional Programme for Africa.

(b) Issues from subsidiary organs and sectoral bodies of the Commission calling for action by the Conference of Ministers:

(c) Statutory issues:

(i) Follow-up action on relevant resolutions adopted by the twenty-fifth session of the Commission and decisions adopted by the General Assembly and ECOSOC that are of interest to Africa;

(ii) Follow-up action on relevant resolutions adopted by the twenty-fifth session of the Commission/sixteenth meeting of the Conference of Ministers;

(iii) Resolutions adopted by ECOSOC at its second regular session of 1990 and by the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session in the economic and social sectors that are of interest to Africa;

(iv) Staff and Administrative questions.

(d) Programme of work and priorities of the Commission:

(i) Proposed programme of work and priorities for the 1992-1993 biennium;

(ii) ECA Regional Advisory Services.

7. Pledging Conference for the United Nations Trust Fund for African Development (UNTFAD)

(a) Progress report on the implementation of UNTFAD-funded projects, 1990-1991

(b) Proposals for utilization of UNTFAD resources during the period 1992-1993.

8. Any other business.

9. Date and venue and other matters related to the twenty-seventh session of the Commission/eighteenth meeting of the Conference of Ministers.

10. Consideration and adoption of the report and resolutions of the meeting.

11. Closure of the meeting.

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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting (agenda item 1)

The formal opening of the twenty-sixth session of the Commission and seventeenth meeting of the Conference of Ministers will take place at Africa Hall of the Economic Commission for Africa, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, on Thursday, 9 May 1991.

2. Minute of silent prayer or meditation (agenda item 2)

Immediately after the opening of the first plenary meeting, the outgoing Chairman will invite representatives to observe a minute of silence dedicated to prayer or meditation.

3. Election of officers (agenda item 3)

In accordance with rule 13 of the Commission's rules of procedure, the meeting of the Conference of Ministers will elect from among the representatives of member States, a Chairman, a First Vice-Chairman, a Second Vice-Chairman and a Rapporteur. The outgoing officers of the meeting will remain in office until the election of their successors. They are eligible for re-election.

4. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
(agenda item 1

The meeting will adopt its agenda and establish the procedure for the conduct of its business (Document E/ECA/CM.17/1).

5. In direct focus on the Conference theme of reviewing the status of Africa in the 1990s and meeting the challenges there on, the Conference will have a general debate on the preliminary review of Africa's economic and social performance in 1990 and prospects for 1991 as well as transformation, recovery and adjustment.

Under this agenda item, the Conference will particularly debate on:

(a) Economic report on Africa (document E/ECA/CM.17/2);

(b) The Gulf crisis and African economies (document E/ECA/CM.17/3)

(c) Decennial review and appraisal of the implementation of the Lagos Plan of Action and the final Act of Lagos (document E/ECA/CM.17/4);

(d) United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development (UN-PAAERD):

Final review and appraisal of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990 (UN-PAAERD); and successor arrangements to UN-PAAERD (documents E/ECA/CM.17/5 and E/ECA/CM.17/5/Corr.1);

(e) Beyond recovery and towards transformation: African Alternative Framework to Structural Adjustment Programmes for Socio-economic Recovery and Transformation (AAF-SAP);

(i) Progress report on following up on AAF-SAP (document E/ECA/CM.17/6);

(ii) Revitalization of long-term planning for structural transformation (document E/ECA/CM.17/6);

(iii) Mechanisms for implementing and monitoring the African Charter for Popular Participation in Development and Transformation: public participation in development planning and management (document E/ECA/CM.17/6);

(xvi) Impact of the world economic slowdown on population (document E/ECA/CM.17/16).

6. Report and recommendations of the twelfth meeting of the Technical Preparatory Committee of the Whole for consideration by the twenty-seventh session of the Commission/sixteenth meeting of the Conference of Ministers (agenda item 6).

Under this agenda item, the Committee will have before it the report and recommendations of the twelfth meeting of the Technical Preparatory Committee of the Whole. The report will contain issues discussed by the Preparatory Committee of the Whole and proposals of recommendations to be adopted by the Conference of the Ministers.

7. Pledging Conference for the United Nations Trust Fund for African Development (UNTFAD).

The Conference will have before it a progress report on the implementation of UNTFAD activities since the last meeting, the amount pledged, paid and projected for allocation at UNTFAD resources during the period 1998-2001 (document E/ECA/CM.17/20). The Conference may wish to consider observations and the financial issues.

8. Any other business (agenda item 8)

Under this agenda item, the Conference may wish to raise any issues which it considers relevant to its work.

9. Date and venue and other matters related to the twenty-seventh session of the Commission/sixteenth meeting of the Conference of Ministers (agenda item 9)

Under this agenda item, the Conference may wish to consider the date and venue and other matters related to the twenty-seventh session of the Commission/sixteenth meeting of the Conference of Ministers.

10. Consideration and adoption of the report and resolutions of the meeting (agenda item 10)

The Conference of Ministers will examine and adopt the report together with draft resolutions.

11. Closure of the meeting (agenda item 11)

After the adoption of the report and draft resolutions, the meeting will be declared closed.